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SUBJECT: INDIA OFFERS TO DEVELOP VIETNAM OFFSHORE OILFIELDS

REF: NEW DELHI 10881

1. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH A SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM INDIA'S OFFER TO ASSIST THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IN DEVELOPING ITS OFFSHORE OILFIELDS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL THE OFFER WAS MADE ONLY INFORMALLY DURING A CALL BY THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR ON PETROLEUM MINISTER MALAVIYA. BEYOND THIS FACT THE OFFICIAL WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCLOSE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT.

2. AT THE SAME TIME THE OFFICIAL EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL MATERIALIZING INTO ANYTHING CONCRETE

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SINCE, ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, THE GOV HAD ALREADY

EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO THE MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES
TO RETURN TO VIETNAM.

3. A SUBSEQUENT PRESS REPORT IN THE AUGUST 1 EDITION OF
THE HINDU, STATES THAT THE GOV HAS FINALIZED AN AGREEMENT
WITH A NORWEIGIAN FIRM TO CARRY OUT OFFSHORE EXPLORATION.
THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT MR. THULIN, UNDER SECRETARY
OF THE GON, HAD RECENTLY VISITED VIETNAM AT THE
INVITATION OF THE GOV AND HAD CONCLUDED A PACKAGE AGREEMENT
VALUED AT ABOUT \$50 MILLION COVERING OIL EXPLORATION, SHIPPING
AND PAPER INDUSTRY. WE ARE, HOWEVER, UNABLE TO CONFIRM
THIS LATEST PRESS REPORT.
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